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Four Incumbents Seek Re-election To GHI Board; O'Donnell Resigns

Five candidates have announced for the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the election to be held on Thursday and Friday, May 13-14, in conjunction with the annual membership meeting. There are four openings for two-year terms and one opening for a 1-year term, created by the resignation of director Hugh O'Donnell, who will be moving out of town.

All four incumbents, James Smith, Norman Weyel, James Foster, and Virginia Moryadas, are seeking reelection. The fifth candidate is Henry Fisher, 7-E Southwest. Board members receive a salary of \$750 a year; officers \$1,000.

There are also three audit committee members to be elected for 1-year terms. Present members are Joe Reid, Janet James, and Arthur Gropp. Gropp is the only candidate to announce so far. The chairman of the audit committee receives \$350 a year, the other two members \$250.

The deadline for candidates to file with the Nominations and Elections Committee is May 3. Candidates Consent Forms must be filed by then with any member of the committee or left at the GHI offices.

Each consent form must be notarized and accompanied by a biographical sketch of not more than 200 words. The sketches will be published in the News Review on May 6.

Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are Chairman Josephine Seay (474-9226), Mary J. Kanzer (474-6117), Katherine Keene (474-6026), Wayne Williams (474-1259), and Martin Haker, Jr. (345-5576).

Balloting for the GHI elections will start at the evening meeting on Thursday, May 13 at the Municipal Building and continue the next day 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

P. G. County Schools Offer Pre-Kindergarten Program

The screening program known as SHIP (for Systematic Help Through Identification and Programming) will begin April 23 in the Prince Georges County Public Schools. This year for the first time since the program began five years ago, the screening will be available to all youngsters registered to enter kindergarten at the start of the 1976-77 school year.

The screening will be done by teams of school staff members and resource personnel and will take approximately one hour for each child. Screening will be in the areas of speech and language, motor development, vision, hearing, perception, dental and other health conditions.

Prince Georges is the only county in Maryland with such a comprehensive program for early identification of the strengths and needs of children entering kindergarten. It is designed to facilitate correction of problems through early intervention of school, home and referral agencies. Children with special needs will be channeled into appropriate programs.

The schedule for schools serving Greenbelt children is as follows: Oakcrest, May 5 and 6; Center, May 7; North End, May 17; John Carroll, May 21 and Springhill Lake, May 27 and 28.

Garden Club Meets

The Garden Club will hold its last meeting until fall on Tuesday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library meeting room. All members and plot owners are urged to attend and contribute their ideas. Newly-elected officers will discuss their goals for the coming year.

GHI Inspection Fee On Resales Raised

by Miriam Cornelius

The resale inspection fee charged by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. will be raised from \$28.50 to \$42.00 on houses listed for sale beginning May 1, 1976, the GHI board of directors decided at the April 8 meeting, with director Mary Clarke dissenting. The increase was recommended by the Finance committee, headed by director James R. Foster.

Continuing Projects

The resurfacing of driveways and parking courts has been proceeding on schedule, reported Manager Roy Breashears. He requested approval of an additional \$10,000 in expenditures to include courts 49 and 50 Ridge Road, bringing the total cost of the program to \$120,000. In order not to delay the project the board approved the request for first reading and (under suspension of rules) for second reading and final passage.

Bids have been received, Breashears reported, for the replacement of roofs on 12 rows of frame homes. The board approved for first reading a motion to engage the lowest bidder (Lance Construction Company) for this work at a cost of \$25,800.

Also adopted, with two abstentions, was a motion to refinish the exterior of the administration building on Hamilton Place. Sandblasting is to be used on the brick surfaces, followed by a silicone coating.

President Jim Smith appointed directors Mary Clarke and Don Volk to consult with the manager on a color scheme for the cement and block portions and report back to the board.

Director Virginia Moryadas handed to the board members copies of a report from the Long Range Planning committee. Smith promised to distribute this to the membership before the annual meeting, scheduled for May 13, and to arrange for meetings to discuss the report later in the spring.

Other Matters

Director Norm Weyel was given a vote of thanks for his outstanding contribution to solving some of the parking problems that have plagued several courts for years.

The new staff engineer, Dean B. Mulder, attended the meeting and was introduced to everyone present.

The necessity either to replace the posting machine used in the administrative office or to send the posting out to a service bureau was presented by comptroller Don McGinn. On his recommendation the board voted to send the posting out, with the understanding that this arrangement could be changed at any time.

WHAT GOES ON

- Fri, April 23, 8 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Youth Center
- Mon., April 26, 8 p.m. Budget Workshop on Greenbelt CARES - Municipal Building
- Tues., April 27, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Garden Club, Greenbelt Library
- Thurs., April 29, 8 p.m. Budget Workshop with Volunteer Recreation Groups, Municipal Building

New Hassle With Greenbriar Assoc.

by Al Skolnik

Fresh from successful negotiations with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Greenbriar Associates (Stanley and Alan Kay) are now getting ready to take on the city of Greenbelt. What has been upsetting the Greenbriar developers is the supervisory activities of the city's inspection engineer, John D. Emler, with respect to the construction of streets and related work at the condominium project.

Greenbriar Associates charge that Emler has made unreasonable demands in enforcing the code, causing great delays in the project and creating "excessive" costs for the project. They have requested Emler's removal, and in the latest letter dated April 8 have raised, through their attorney, George A. Brugger, the possibility of resorting to legal action to secure his removal and substantial damages from the city and Emler.

In a 7-page letter to the city manager dated March 4, Emler denied that the charges had any validity and presented an item-by-item response. What apparently had provoked the April 8 letter by Brugger was the failure of the city to respond formally to an earlier letter from Greenbriar Associates that had itemized the charges.

In an attempt to remedy this situation, the city has now conveyed to Greenbriar the reply of Emler and is looking favorably upon a proposal by Brugger to have a meeting to resolve the matter.

The charges by Greenbriar Associates involve such technical matters as to whether or not curbing, paving, and water and sewer construction met county and WSSC specifications. Emler states that he has been guided by an effort to upgrade the quality of the work performed at Greenbriar. Subcontractors have complained to the developers about their inability to work with Emler.

City attorney Emmett Nanna said at last Monday's council meeting that his offhand reaction is that the situation does not warrant legal action. City councilmen were somewhat stronger in their reaction.

Councilman Tom White noted that Greenbriar Associates have adopted the tactic before of threatening legal action in order to pressure administrative bodies to succumb to their requests.

As examples, he cited the action of Greenbriar in suing to have the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene issue a construction permit for the on-site temporary sewage treatment plant, the County Board of Licenses and Permits to issue an occupancy permit, and WSSC to relieve Greenbriar of certain construction and water and sewer charges it had agreed to.

In each case, White said, the Kay brothers did not seem to have a case, yet they were able to use the threat of legal action to hamstring administrative personnel in carrying out their responsibilities.

CITY NOTES

Topsoil was placed along newly poured concrete walks throughout Greenbelt, the ceiling in the swimming pool lobby was removed, debris was cleaned from roadsides, and sod was laid on Braden field. Soil was replaced with asphalt at the tennis courts to control erosion.

The paper collection netted 7 tons and 160 pounds, and 7 tons-840 pounds for the last two weeks.

A fire detection system was installed and a P.A. system wired at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The original clubhouse at the golf course is now tied in with the fire detection system.

City Council Gives Go-Ahead On Elderly Housing Project

by Al Skolnik

As expected, the Greenbelt city council gave the "go-ahead" signal to the housing for the elderly project at its Monday evening, April 19 meeting. It unanimously authorized the filing of an initial application with the State for a 40-year loan and directed the city manager to interview housing consultants and to obtain an appraisal for the 3-acre Ridge Road property and the 2 acres between it and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

council had already opted for the Ridge Rd. site.

The city's current thinking is to construct 100 one-bedroom, elevator apartments in a building that will blend with the surrounding area by limiting its height to three or four stories. This is possible because the Ridge Road property slopes downward to the rear.

Crescent Stop Sign

Following the advice of the police chief, the council decided against a stop sign on Crescent Road at the Centerway exit near Mobil station. Concern had been expressed that motorists wishing to make a left turn from Centerway onto Crescent had poor visibility. The council was advised that the main obstruction to visibility is a shed belonging to the gas station. This shed is scheduled for removal.

Ridge Road Center

The council voted to keep the Ridge Road Center open as a drop-in center until the swimming pool opens. Generally, the drop-in center for school children shuts down at the end of April, but an entreaty by a citizen, Jeffrey Katz, persuaded the council to extend the closing date. The additional cost is about \$80.

JCC Assessment

The council introduced for first reading a change in the initial assessment ordinance enacted in 1972 for the widening of Westway adjacent to the Jewish Community Center. The change permits the city to undertake the work instead of seeking bids which have proven to be excessively high. A public hearing on this ordinance change has been scheduled for Monday, May 17.

Under the assessment arrangement, the Jewish Community Center will be assessed 50 percent of the \$7,300 project, to be spread over a 15-year period with interest. The work will include widening Westway by 5 feet and construction of curb, guttering, and a sidewalk.

Downzoning

The city's Advisory Planning Board submitted a report (#174) requesting that the city research the procedure and legal liabilities and ramifications with regard to downzonings.

Mobil Oil Station

The council recommended to the county council that it approve a waiver for the Mobil Oil station renovation work that would permit a right-of-way width for Crescent Road that will be less than the right-of-way width designated by the Master Plan. This dedication of a lesser amount was agreed to in the original negotiations on the site plan for the gas station.

Advice

Council decided to take advantage of offers received from external agencies for city comments on matters of Greenbelt interest. To the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, which is holding a public forum on April 27 on areas of critical State concern, the council suggested for the agenda such matters as disposition of surplus Agricultural Research Center land, implementation of special treatment for Golden Triangle as designated in the Master Plan, flood plain control, Metro terminal station, B-W Parkway and Capital Beltway and development of Greenbelt Regional Park.

To the Council of Governments, the council advised that COG should take a more active role in solid waste disposal problems and suggested that the chairmen and vice-chairmen of policy committees be elected officials. The council also expressed dissatisfaction with the assistance rendered by the COG staff as related to the Governor's Law Enforcement Administration Assistance grant funding application, but commended the COG staff for its efforts with respect to the city's internal transit study.

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Open Letter to City Council

It looks as though the Greenbelt Lake Park has gone to the dogs! On a recent sunny morning, as on many other mornings and afternoons, I took my children to play in the park and was dismayed at the number of dogs running freely.

These are not "strays". These dogs jump out of cars with the consent of their owners and bound all over the park unleashed, spraying bushes and dropping feces. When some owners were asked why their animals were unleashed they either ignored the question or laughed. It's as if the law written on the sign board is a joke.

Even if half of these dogs leave little piles of feces on the park lawn and walkways, in no time we will need a new sign. It will say, "People are prohibited due to dog pollution." Another good reason for leashes is so that these animals do not make a general nuisance of themselves.

On a positive note I would like to make a suggestion. A plain clothes policeman or city employee with authority could simply sit on the bench near the big swings and enforce the law since he would see the dogs as they jump out of their owner's cars. A \$5 or \$10 fine could be levied to discourage people from using the park as a dog toilet. In one week much of the problem would be solved.

Certain city council members seem to feel our lake should not be improved because it might attract outsiders. Well, how about improving it for us Greenbelters? We should be concerned about our own children's environment. I invite you to take a close look and see if it doesn't warrant some maintenance and repair.

Diane K. Mann

April Fool's Bring Smiles**To the Editor:**

Unsuspecting members of our family picked up your April 1st issue, reading on with astonishment, disbelief — and laughter! Those having already been "caught" by your clever prank chuckled to themselves, as they listened to the reaction of the next "prey."

Your time and effort (and we know it took much of this) was worth it all just for the enjoyment we alone received from your April Fool's joke. Many Greenbelters had smiles on their lips that day, we're sure.

Thank you.

The Hibbs Family

CARES Needs Tutors

The end of the school year has increased the demand for tutors, especially for math and English. CARES is also helping to collect and distribute donations to victims of the recent Springhill Lake fire, as well as locating new housing for them, providing assistance with moving, and counseling those affected by the fire.

REMINDER

This is to remind readers of News Review policy with respect to the printing of campaign and election material. The newspaper will not publish in its last edition preceding an election letters to the editor and similar materials that inject for the first time highly controversial issues and charges. Last-minute introduction of such material without an opportunity for refutation is considered an unfair campaign practice.

Letters to the editor and other copy on election issues must be submitted by 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night, so as to give the News Review editorial board sufficient time to review content.

Mishkan Torah News

Services at the Mishkan Torah on Fri., April 23 at 8:30 p.m. will include a "Discussion on the Holocaust."

There will be a special Sat. service, April 24 at 9:30 a.m., on the construction of a "Golem".

Mishkan Torah's Annual Election-Budget meeting will be held on Sun., April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Celebration at Greenbriar

A Bicentennial Celebration at the Greenbriar Community Building on Sat., May 1, at 4 p.m. will feature the presentation of flags to the residents of Greenbriar, and a free-fall demonstration by the Army Reserve Parachute Team stationed at Ft. Meade. The American Legion Post 136 will provide the color guards and the Greenbelt Junior High School Jazz Ensemble will entertain. All Greenbelters are invited to attend.

Methodists to Hear Speaker

The Adult Fellowship of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will meet Sun., April 25, at 7 p.m. Rev. Clement E. Semper, Pastor of the Trinity Moravian Church of New Carrollton will speak on the history, heritage and customs of the Moravian Church. Babysitting is available and everyone is welcome. For more information contact Shirley Pitcher - 474-7034.

More On Twin Pines**To the Editor:**

The April 8, 1976 story in the News Review about Twin Pines 19th annual meeting failed to cover what I consider to be very important points which I feel should be brought to the attention of those members who were not able to attend.

In the annual report of the Nominating and Elections Committee to the membership I voiced my deep concern about what happened to the important nominating procedure. First as a member, then as chairperson of the Nominating Committee for many years I had always stressed my philosophy of searching for highly qualified candidates for all vacancies. I felt that the very large vote I received in the 1974 election was a membership endorsement of my efforts. I therefore was surprised and concerned when at this year's meeting of the Committee some members felt that the new by-laws required us to nominate anyone legally qualified (namely \$100 in a Twin Pines account) to run. We resolved this point finally by deciding to screen candidates as usual and by voting unanimously to submit a bylaws amendment giving the Nominating Committee the explicit right to be selective. We hope that the New Board will take positive action on this.

Also, during this year, I have encountered resentment by some Board members over last year's selective actions by the Nominating Committee. Instead of being treated as a repeatedly elected representative of the membership who by now had acquired quite some expertise in the mechanics of the nominating process, I was distrusted while implementing routine preparations. Next, at least one Board member questioned the right of the Nominating Committee to meet in private. Then the Board failed to distinguish between candidates nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition when publishing the biographies. Finally one member of the Member Relations Committee tried to supervise the elected(!) Nominating Committee while it was counting proxies. (At that point a Board member remarked that "somewhere there was a point that we had to trust people.")

My last point of concern is related to the activity of staff members during elections. This year, three nominations were submitted by staff members. This brings to focus the question of how much of a role an employee should play in the election of a Board member, since the Board determines working conditions, salary and bonuses.

While it is pleasant to read of our accomplishments in a news story, points of concern should be included as well. As a co-operative Twin Pines needs a fully informed membership to play an active, constructive role in the institution. This view seemed to have been shared by the members present at the annual meeting, who unanimously endorsed Charles Schwan's resolution expressing thanks for my presentation of these issues to the membership. Leonie Penney

Summer Program Offered

The Campus Center For Early Learning located in the Greenbriar Community House is now enrolling for the summer program. The program is offered on a full day basis for children ages 2½ to 7, and provides for both indoor and outdoor educational and recreational activities, planned by Early Childhood certified teachers and camp counselors. For further information, call 345-8830.

VISITING YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina will be the guests of Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenhill and Crescent Rds., on Sun., April 25 at 7 p.m. They are on tour and have visited twelve states and the District of Columbia. The choir composed of junior and senior high youths has led the worship service each Sunday evening in their home church.

The choir will sing selections by various composers. The Handbell Choir will also perform several numbers. The Choir is directed by P. Willis Abernathy, Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church, Marion. The public is invited to attend.

John W. S. Littleton

Former Greenbelter John W. S. Littleton of Annapolis died on April 18. Age 69, he was on the first Valley Forge Honor Certificate to the Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board of Directors. He was chairman of the Building Committee for the Community Church.

He is survived by his wife, Elisabeth, of Thomas Point Rd., Annapolis, children Dr. John Littleton, Michael Littleton, and Mrs. Blakely Mechau and eight grandchildren.

CYO Americans Get Award

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld will present the Freedoms Foundation 1975 Valley Forge Honor Certificate to the Greenbelt CYO Young Americans, Sun., April 25 at 2 p.m. The presentation will take place during the annual American Legion's "Service to God" program at Parkdale Senior High School. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Parent Discussion Group

The last meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will meet Wed., April 26 at the Greenbelt Baptist Church 9:30-11:30 a.m. Baby-sitter provided.

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Substation On Historic Site

In this bicentennial year Greenbelts have another opportunity to recall our historic past. Recently PEPCO has announced plans to designate its proposed Greenbelt substation, scheduled for completion in 1979, "Greenbelt Toaping Castle Substation" in commemoration of a historic residence which once stood near the proposed site.

Toaping Castle, which was located near the area of Greenbelt Road and the Beltway, was a large oak-log home built in the early 1750's by the Isaac Walker family in memory of their beloved stronghold of the same name in their homeland Scotland.

Forced to flee and obtain temporary secrecy and security in France when George I was crowned King of England and Scotland, Isaac, Charles and Nathan Walker later came to America to settle and start a new life. They built their new Toaping Castle in America, and when they considered it safe to acknowledge identity, obtained a patent for the land on which it stood. Isaac remained at this residence in Maryland and raised a family, whereas his brothers moved to Kentucky and then to Mississippi, the Hon. R. J. Walker being of the same stock.

Isaac Walker's Toaping Castle was subsequently the birthplace of a number of heroic individuals, including Captain Samuel Hamilton Walker, celebrated member of the Texas Rangers, and Charles T. Walker, who in 1844 constructed the original home of Washington's present McKendree United Methodist Church.

When completed the Greenbelt Toaping Castle Substation will house electrical distribution equipment to serve the Greenbelt community and the surrounding area. It will be located on Greenbelt Road adjacent to the Beltway.

The historic title was adopted in cooperation with the Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee which plans to place a state historic marker near the site.

Tenants Aided

With rent controls ended for the first time since 1973, county council empowered the Landlord-Tenant Executive Director to put a ceiling on rent increases while also ordering rent abatement until a tenant gets all contracted services from his landlord. In cases where vital services such as electricity, heat or water aren't provided and major repairs aren't made, the Landlord-Tenant Executive Director may order abatement of rent payment for as much as six months while imposing rent controls. The notifying county government. In some cases, county officials reasoned, landlords might increase rents to avert the Landlord-Tenant Executive Director's rent abatement order. According to CB-30, sponsored by councilman Francois, the rent abatement or control order can last up to six months. The two corrective measures can be continued longer than six months if repairs still are not made. Enacted unanimously, CB-30 becomes effective immediately after executive signature. The bill was recommended by the seven-member Landlord-Tenant Commission, which also suggested an end to rent controls.

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Where There's Smoke

Bob Mogel

... it is caused by PEOPLE. PEOPLE - is YOU.

YOU, the "people", contributed to nearly an 80% increase in the destruction of our nature's forest and camping land in Maryland and Virginia over last year's losses, as of this early date in April.

Nature may have set up the "conditions" ... making it ripe for "ignition" ... but-

YOU - the PEOPLE - have caused the destruction.

This ecological destruction is primarily caused by carelessness - YOUR CARELESSNESS.

Yet PEOPLE wonder "why?" . . . W.T.S.

PLEASE be more careful . . . at home . . . on the road . . . and in our beautiful parklands.

Did You Know?

That Greenbelt was the first city in Maryland to adopt council-manager government.

That the city's present population is 18,000, and its ultimate population will be about 30,000.

That the city's street-light bill in January 1976 was 83% greater than the same bill of January 1971.

That Federal revenue sharing provided the city with \$81,384 in fiscal year 1976 — equivalent to 12 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in the property tax rate.

That a Greenbelt family of four at the median income level is paying more than 10 percent in State, county and municipal taxes.

That the Goddard Space Flight Center and the Agricultural Research Center employ over 10,000 people — more people than Greenbelt has in the labor force.

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

The Greenbelt Lions Club and the Woman's Club of Greenbelt are co-sponsoring a health clinic for women over the age of twenty-five. The American Cancer Society will provide tests for breast cancer, Pap test and test blood pressure. The clinic will be held at Center School on Sat., May 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A few more volunteer nurses are needed. Call Henry Fisher at 474-1817 for further information or to volunteer.

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Reading Test Results

The report of the results from Prince Georges county public schools Reading Mastery tests were released this week. All Maryland students in the seventh and eleventh grades took this test last October. The test was designed to measure students' mastery of such basic skills in reading as finding names in the telephone directory, using the index of an atlas and reading a restaurant menu. Re-

sults are listed as the percentage of pupils who answered correctly 80 per cent of the items.

The following chart shows the results for seventh graders at Greenbelt Junior High and Mary Bethune Junior High and eleventh graders at Parkdale as against overall county and state results. At the seventh grade level both Greenbelt and Bethune students scored well below the state levels, with Bethune students usually several percentage points lower than Greenbelt. Parkdale's eleventh graders fared much better.

Maryland Basic Skills Reading Mastery Test Results: Greenbelt Schools Compared to State and County Averages

	Locate Reference	Understand Forms	Gain Inform	Follow Directions	Total Test
Grade 7					
Maryland	68.9	61.8	56.2	71.8	65.2
Pr. Georges	67.2	58.2	52.9	69.9	61.9
Greenbelt	60.7	47.5	45.4	62.9	61.9
Bethune	63.3	45.1	41.8	60.3	51.1
Grade 11					
Maryland	70.3	79.5	80.7	83.9	80.3
Pr. Georges	71.3	80.8	82.2	885.5	81.8
Parkdale	65.7	79.0	81.9	83.3	79.0

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The goal for this year's drive has not been reached.

We are asking every community member who has not already contributed, to do so. You may contribute by mailing a check to the Greenbelt Vol. Fire Department, 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 20770, or if you wish drop by the fire house. Someone will be pleased to help you.

We are not only asking for you to help us but to HELP YOURSELF as well by supporting your community ambulance service.

We wish to extend our thanks again to all the citizens who have already contributed.

Chief - M. W. Dutton

Bitecentennial

by Pearl E. White

The Recreation Department, in conjunction with the National Institute of Dental Health, is bringing a month-long "Bitecentennial" celebration to Greenbelt.

According to Recreation Director Irv Hanking, "This is a program that fills a real need. It is a bridge over the generation gap. From pre-schooler to golden ager, everybody can get their teeth into it."

Recreation Department spokesman Jerry Haymes says there will be a month-long program of seminars and discussion groups capped by a festival on the Mall. Merry Molar, the popular TV character, will be there, as will Dr. Perry Donnell, who has promised to autograph copies of his best selling book "Inner Peace Through Gum Massage".

Also on the agenda is a visit from pretty Sally Vait, who is Miss Tinsel Tooth of 1976. Further entertainment will be provided by the Upper La Plata Drill Team,

Police Blotter

Thirty-four juvenile complaints were investigated during the week. In one incident Officer Stair apprehended two juveniles who had vandalized the roof of a GHI structure. The parents of those involved are making restitution.

Two autos, one from Lastner Lane and the other from Springhill Lake, were reported stolen. Two motorcycles previously reported stolen were recovered.

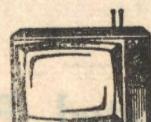
Four sex-related offenses were investigated. Two indecent exposures in Springhill Lake were responded to. While walking on Ridge Road and on the Beltway Plaza females were grabbed but not injured by subjects who then fled the area. Look-outs have been issued.

A resident who had been charged with assaulting two police officers and resisting arrest, pled guilty to both charges in the District Court. This was an incident in which the resident had publicly claimed to have been beaten by the officers. The resident was placed on one year's probation, subject to his working 15 days in the Courts' voluntary work program.

The eighteen year old resident of Hillside Road who had been charged with assaulting a civilian employee of the department on Centerway, pleaded guilty to assault and battery charges and was given a probationary sentence and placed in the "parks work program".

A joint investigation is currently underway between the Department and the County Fire Marshal's office to determine the person responsible for a recent fire in an apartment building on Parkway Road.

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Citizens To Use Public Buildings

The Maryland House of Delegates has passed a bill which would require that state-owned public buildings be made available for use by citizens for meetings or recreational purposes. Each institution would publish the conditions for use in the Maryland Register.

The bill is designed to make it easier for clubs, civic groups, or individuals to find out under what circumstances a meeting room, gymnasium, auditorium, pool, etc., is available, and how to go about taking advantage of the facilities.

Delegate Leo E. Green (D-24) sponsor of the bill, says that many expensive facilities are unused half to two-thirds of the time, which is a waste of the taxpayers' money. The bill is now in the Senate, where it has been referred to the Constitutional and Public Law Committee.

Another Local Author

Arthur E. Gropp, 6-H Crescent Rd., is the author of *A Bibliography of Latin American Bibliographies*. The two volume compilation contains 9000 references drawn from Latin American periodicals and periodicals referring to Latin America.

The work is the first extensive bibliography of its kind in this field and will be a source book to students and scholars pursuing Latin American studies.

Gropp is author of numerous treatises and compilations relating to Latin American libraries and bibliography. His career in librarianship started in 1931 at the Middle American Research Institute of Tulane University in New Orleans, and continued at the Artigas-Washington Library and the University of Montevideo in Montevideo, Uruguay, and until retirement in 1968, at the Columbus Memorial Library of the Pan American Union in Washington, D.C.

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Five Mile Race

The D.C. Road Runners Club and the Beltway Plaza Mall Merchants Association will sponsor the 9th Annual Greenbelt 5 Mile Race Sat., April 24 at 11 a.m. in front of the former Klein's Department Store. The course runs through Springhill Lake. Awards will be presented to top finishers, each Greenbelt finisher and a special award to the first Springhill Lake finisher.

A two mile non-competitive-Run-For-Your-Life for all ages will precede the five mile run at 10 a.m. The five mile race is the first major race in the D.C. area following the 80th running of the Boston Marathon held this past Mon., April 19 (Patriot's Day). Race Co-Directors Martin and Milton Greenbaum, who have run in and completed several Boston Marathons, are expecting a large field and some top area runners to compete in the five mile Patriot Run. For more information call 552-1415 or 474-4292.

Greenbelt Running Club

On Monday, April 26 at 8:30 p.m. joggers and runners in the Greenbelt area are invited to a meeting of the Greenbelt Running Club (GRC) to be held at 105 Northway Road. The purpose of this meeting is to structure the Greenbelt Running Club, elect officers and promote jogging and running as a lifetime sport and exercise. The GRC will be the focal point for information on jogging and running, how to run and train, conducting races, location of races, safe courses to run, running shoes and other equipment, Greenbelt and other races, medical advice on injuries, age group running and much published information.

A system of awards will be established to encourage joggers and runners based on distance run for beginners and speed for established runners. Greenbelt already is near the top among cities promoting distance running, (Jack Fultz, the recent winner of the Boston Marathon has run here several times), and has 12 or more active marathoners and about 125 people of all ages and both sexes who jog regularly or run in races.

Anyone unable to attend the meeting but interested in joining the club may obtain information from Larry Noel, 474-9362.

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Congratulations to Bernice Kastner, 123 Northway, who will be receiving a doctoral degree in Mathematics Education next month from the University of Maryland. A long-time staff member of the Greenbelt News Review Bernice is a graduate of McGill University in Montreal and received a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Syracuse. She presently teaches at the Rockville Campus of Montgomery Junior College and formerly taught at the University of Maryland and at Prince Georges County Junior High Schools.

Airman Christopher McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. McConnell, 9013 Breezewood Ter., has completed Air Force Basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He will be remaining at Lackland for specialized training in the security police field.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hunt (former Ann Klukowski). Stephen was born April 14 and tipped the scales at 9 lbs. 8 oz. oz. His maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Klukowski and great-grandfather Mr. Walter Wight reside at 105 Hedgewood.

Congratulations to Michael Richards of Greenbelt who was recently inducted into Parkdale's chapter of Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for outstanding high school journalists, for his work as advertising manager of the school's newsmagazine Collage.

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Choral Society Spring Concert

by Mary Kimmel

The Greenbelt Choral Arts Society, directed by Douglas Freeman, will present a concert on Saturday, April 24 at 8:30 p.m. Featured on the program will be Gabriel Faure's Requiem and Contrecoeur Soloists in the Requiem will be Soprano Marilyn Abbe and Baritone David Hardin. The Society will also perform Mozart's Laudate Dominum, with Chorus member Joan McFarland singing Soprano solo. Other selections will include Randall Thompson's Last Words of David, Vaughan Williams Sweet Day, Gustav Holst's Love Song, three songs by William Billings and others.

The performance will be held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Admission is free, donations are welcome.

The Greenbelt Choral Arts Society, sponsored by the City Recreation Department, is open to all singers. Anyone wishing to join the Chorus for the June Bicentennial concert, or for next fall, please contact Mary Kimmel, 474-5948.

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Bond Issue Money Slated For City Office Annex

by Al Skolnik

Although the general fund budget is of maximum interest to Greenbelt taxpayers because it sets the property tax rate, there are other city budgeted funds that expend considerable money during the year. The capital improvement budget is one of these. This determines how the proceeds from the \$950,000 bond issue approved by the electorate in November 1968 will be spent.

Since 1968 the city has undertaken a variety of projects — totaling \$1,456,964 through the end of the current fiscal year. This is possible because the bond funds have been supplemented with Federal and State open-space grants, interest on investment, and contributions from other sharers of costs. As of June 30, 1976, the capital improvement fund is expected to have an unexpended balance of \$411,142.

The fiscal year 1977 budget proposes spending \$250,000 of the remaining funds for a two-story, 4,800 square foot addition to the Municipal Building. This addition, which will have a partial basement, will provide additional space for both the police department and the city offices.

Current thinking calls for the new addition to be used for city offices. The first floor of the existing building would then be converted over in its entirety to a police station. The new addition would be connected to the existing building by a new lobby at the parking lot entrance to the existing building. The upstairs council room and meeting room would continue to be used for these purposes.

Land Acquisition

The other major expenditure scheduled for 1977 deals with the acquisition of land in parcels 1 and 2. These projects call for the purchase of 28.4 acres in parcel 1 and 4 acres in parcel 2. In 1972 the city received 13 acres of surplus land from the Federal government in the northeast corner of the city. A condition of this grant is that the city obtain at least 15 acres of additional property for parkland next to the donated property.

To accomplish this purpose, the city is hopeful of getting open-space funds that had been previously set aside for purchase of the Furey property along the northern boundary of the city. Another source of funds that may become available is mortgage money for the housing for the elderly project in case the Ridge Road Center site is chosen and the city must acquire parkland to replace the Ridge Road property.

The city is in the process of getting appraisals of the fair market value of the land.

The city manager has told council that there is no realistic source of funds available this year for acquisition of 19 acres in parcel 15 adjacent to Charlestowne Village and the Capital Beltway. The council had earlier indicated a desire to move ahead with this purchase also.

SIGNS TO COME DOWN

Legislation enacted by the County Council recently phasing out all nonconforming signs, other than billboards and outdoor advertising, will have its greatest impact on heavily urban area, according to its sponsor, County Councilman Parry N. Glendening.

Enacted in the waning days of the 1975 legislative session, the bill sets out a timetable, running from six months to seven years for the removal of signs not conforming to the county's existing ordinance. Previous legislation allowed nonconforming signs to be repaired continually, but not replaced with a new sign.

According to council's most recent act, signs costing less than \$300 may remain another six months, while signs worth \$20,000 or more may stay seven more years, the bill's outside limit.

"The change may come slowly," Glendening said, "but it will be most visible along congested highways like Rt. 1 through College Park and Hyattsville or University Blvd. The bill will erase much of the clutter a driver confronts riding down many Prince Georges highways and replace it with a more serene vista."

The Outdoor Manner

by W. Michael Chiville

Part VI Camping

Camping is a universal sport and camping is fun. Some people go in large vehicles with all the comforts of home. Others use tents or just camp under the stars. One thing all campers have in common is that they use parkland. Each type of camper should be courteous to the next and respect the privilege of using parkland.

Parkland is common property to be enjoyed by all. If it is spoiled by carelessness it cannot be enjoyed in future years. Vehicles, bikes, including motorcycles should be driven on roads or in areas and trails designated for their use. Never cut trees or tie lines to them for this may damage bark. Never trench tents for a short stay — a good waterproof floor will suffice. Obey park rules and don't abuse the privileges you do get.

Ground cover, such as fallen leaves, should be left alone. Don't scrape an area down to the ground, creating dust and mud. The ground cover will be matted down by your tent. Fluff it up with a stick and replace it by getting leaves from areas that are well covered. If you do this the next person will thank you for keeping the dirt where it belongs. Before leaving the area pick up all trash.

Hiking builds and strengthens the body, clears the mind, and gives one a chance to be with nature.

When hiking stay in small numbers, between three and eight; at least three for safety and no more than eight for nature's sake. When stampedes of people walk a trail at one time, they trample anything in their path and don't give it a chance to recover. Divide a large group into smaller groups. The wilderness is adaptable, can stand small changes and recover from these changes as long as they do not occur too fast.

When you leave your area, try to leave it as you found it or better. If it is free of the evidence that anyone has been there then you have done a good job. Take leaves and restore the ground cover and take your trash with you when you leave. Take away the trash you find when you arrive. The most basic rule of backpacking is PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN. The second rule when you are in the wilderness is YOU are the OBSERVER and not the consumer.

As for animals you might encounter, let them be. Observe their motion from a distance and let them live for others to see.

Reuse containers. Avoid glass and cans. Paper can be carefully burned. Surprisingly light weight pack stoves can be found. When you burn trash, all that is left is ash and metal, which can be put in a bag and packed to the nearest trash can.

Students Join Thespians

Seven participants in Parkdale Senior High's drama program have been initiated into the nationwide high school actor's club, Thespians. They were selected on the basis of their experience in the production of plays and/or acting ability.

Thomas Spillane, drama instructor, said, "I think they are as fine a group as there is at any school in the country."

Those inducted included Greenbelters Andy Birner, best actor in the Seventh Annual Play Tournament; Pam Moore, "Emily" in Our Town; and Joel Kastner, best actor in the Eighth Annual Play Tournament.

Recreation Review

Golden Eggs Found at Lake Park

The Annual Easter Egg hunt took place Mon., at the Lake Park. The heat did not stop the youngsters from searching for the Golden Eggs. Joey Hawk found the Pre-School egg; Dodi Stewart, 1st and 2nd graders; Barbara Figurowski, 3rd & 4th graders and Roy Myers found the egg for the 5th & 6th graders. Many others received merchandise gift certificates from Beltway Roy Rogers, CO-OP, Gino's, McDonald's and Springhill Lake Villa. The Easter Bunny was on hand with candy for all. After the hunt, 'Christian, the Magician' entertained young and old with his mystifying performance.

Kava Softball League

More players are needed for the teams. All Greenbelt teens are invited to come down to Braden Field, Saturday at 3 p.m. Games will be played on Sundays beginning in May.

Men's 'B' League Softball

This is a franchise recreational league not affiliated with A.S.A. Games will be played on Sat. afternoons between 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Deadline for teams entering this league will be Fri., April 23, at 5 p.m. For further information, teams should contact the Rec. Depart. Mon. thru Fri. 9-5 p.m., 474-6878.

Calling all Boys' Club Stray Uniforms

Search attics, closets, and dressers for any uniforms that might be hiding. The Youth Center's

County Museum

Opens April 24

After nearly five years of fund-raising efforts and painstaking restoration work, the citizens of Prince Georges County will be able to visit the historic Indian Queen Tavern in Bladensburg, following formal dedication ceremonies at noon on Sat., April 24.

When opened to the public, the building will house the first History Museum for Prince Georges County.

The museum will feature many authentic old photographs, prints, artifacts and nearly twenty dioramas depicting many events and places from the county's 280 year history.

The George Washington House, as the building is also known, will also serve as the county's official Bicentennial Headquarters and tourist information center.

In addition to the many national, state and county officials who will be in attendance, there will also be a presentation by the U.S. Army Bicentennial Color Guard and musical selections by the international award winning High Point High School Symphonic Band of Beltsville.

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BI-CENTENNIAL

FIVE MINUTES

We will make it our wish this week to CONNECT-I-CUT in your housing costs with the ownership of a home. We hope we can!

Have a HART, FORD, and let us show you a home that is definitely no Edsel. You'll love the convenience and luxury of this lovely 3 bedroom Greenbelt townhouse, located very close to the center; remodeled kitchen and many other features; this lovely home will sell fast at \$17,900. Woods in back, too!

We want to YALE out loud about the luxury and value of this fabulous, highly customized large 3 bedroom split-level in Carrollton. It has been lovingly cared for by the couple who own it; featuring carpeting, cent. A/C, brick fireplace in living room, 18'x23' recreation room. This like NEW home will be a HAVEN for those who want to combine real luxury with a gilded housing investment. Offered at only \$62,500 and owner has ordered VA appraisal.

Wait a MINUTE, MEN! If you want to see a super-nice home at a bargain price let us show you this spacious and luxurious 4 bedroom Cape Cod with sep. din. rm., 2 fireplaces, 2 baths and a full basement in lovely Landover Hills. Plenty of shade trees; nice level lawn. We promise that you'll call this one the bargain of the year. And the price: VA appraised at only \$40,750. You can see why you'll have to hurry.

We'd like to STATE that this home is somewhat small, but it is an excellent starter home, and has 4 bedrooms on a large level lawn; lovely aluminum siding Cape Cod in West Lanham Hills. VA approved at only \$38,000, and if you have a total of \$500.00 we'll make it yours if you are a qualified vet.

Haven't you made enough REVOLUTIONS around the county looking for a home. We've got a choice of two homes in the Glenridge, Woodlawn subdivision that are immaculate; one has a nice garage, 4 bedrooms and 2 baths; the other has 3 bedrooms and a beautiful paneled rec. room in basement; see both at only \$41,900 and \$45,000, on choice of terms.

The COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE brings late advice on a few more values:

- A lovely 3 bedroom, 1½ bath air-conditioned rambler in Carrollton with full basement and beautiful rec. room on nice level lawn, at only \$48,000.
- A spacious 4 bedroom brick Cape Cod with large family room and so many extras at only \$47,900.
- Just listed 3 bedroom Cape Cod in attractive Green Meadows; a lovely starter home at only \$33,500.
- Lovely 4 bedroom Bi-level in Riverdale Heights for only \$44,700; a home that will please a large family.
- A two bedroom frame end townhouse for the bargain price of only \$14,600; woods in back, too; let us tell you about all of its features.

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